Ahead of the 75th IFLA General Conference and Assembly taking place in Milan, Italy, later this month, Emerald Global talks to Giovanni Meloni, Manager of the CILEA Digital Library Group since 1999.

Tell me about a distinctive feature of CILEA?

Over ten years ago, CILEA was a pioneer in trying to preserve digital archives of journals. It was seen as quite peculiar at the time. One of the reasons that prompted this was slow transmission lines on the internet. Loading content locally enabled to access files more rapidly and therefore provide better performance and better service to our members.

Talking of service and performance, what benefits do you bring to your members?

We save them money. We take care of assistance, IP recognition and administration which can be time consuming. It is better to be in an agreement than by yourself. We have many facilities on our sites like servers, drives, etc. So there is an economy in doing what we do everyday. For a single institution to do its own preservation could be very costly.
What are the plans for the future at CILEA?
Our plans in the future to increase the volume of content, work with more publishers, to load archives for preservation and, of course, to provide a better user interface.

What about your relationship with Emerald?
Our relationship with Emerald is very good. We work together for local uploading agreement. We also have a good agreement on the price policy. We envisage to pursue our agreement and increase the number of products for the years to come.

For the [CILEA website](#) for more information about the consortium.

For general information about Consortia, contact Deborah Robertson, Consortia Marketing and Communications, [drobertson@emeraldinsight.com](mailto:drobertson@emeraldinsight.com)

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**Emerald's special events at IFLA - Stand 105**

As a Gold Sponsor, Emerald will exhibit at IFLA conference held at the Fiera Milano Congressi convention centre in Milan from 23-27 August.

Don't miss the special events:

“Elevenses” will be served every day at stand 105: come for a cupcake, some tea and have a chat with our representatives about the latest developments at Emerald. In particular, the change of name from Emerald Management Xtra to Emerald Management eJournals, about Emerald Management Plus and our collections of books, book series and eBooks.

Emerald is also sponsoring a Regional Activities social event at the Hotel Melia Milano organised by the IFLA Asia and Oceania Section from 7:00-9:00PM on Monday 24th August.

Please join us for this Aperitivo Reception where you can enjoy delicious buffet food with your sparkling wine and fruit cocktails.

For more information, contact Helen Evans, Conference Manager, at [hevans@emeraldinsight.com](mailto:hevans@emeraldinsight.com)

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**German Library Hi Tech Award presented at the Deutsher Bibliothekartag**
Dr. Wolfram Horstmann, Chief Information Officer for scholarly information at the Universität Bielefeld, was the winner of the second German Library Hi Tech Award. Prof Dr Michael Seadle, Editor of *Library Hi Tech*, presented Dr. Horstmann with the €600 prize during the 98th Deutscher Bibliothekartag in Erfurt, Germany, in June.

The award recognises those who have made a significant contribution to the German Library community in the area of Technology. This year’s winner has been awarded the prize for his leadership in the area of e-learning.

And of course, delegates to the Conference, were also treated to a fabulous cake to celebrate the launch of Emerald’s two eBook series collections.

“Moving In, Moving Up, and Moving On: Strategies for Regenerating the Library & Information Profession”

8th World Conference on Continuing Professional Development & Workplace Learning for the Library and Information Professions
18-20th August 2009, Bologna, Italy

Registration has opened for this satellite conference being held in the beautiful and historic city of Bologna. The conference venue is Santa Cristina, an ex-convent which has been converted into teaching and conference space by the University of Bologna - itself the world’s oldest university.

Find out more about the programme.

To register and find out more about this conference, click here.

Emerald signs agreement with Biblioteca do Conhecimento Online Consortium

Emerald has signed a deal with Lisbon-based Biblioteca do Conhecimento Online Consortium (B-ON), giving B-ON’s 78 members the opportunity to subscribe to Emerald Management Xtra or Emerald Subject Collections at discount rates.

Established in 1999, the Portuguese consortium ensures access to a vast number of publications and electronic
services to the academic community, and promotes knowledge sharing.

For further information about this agreement contact Mr Jordi Caralt, Business Manager, Southern Europe.

Research You Can Use

"Research you can use" represents Emerald's philosophy to publish rigorous, relevant and accessible research. Below is a selection of articles with a practical edge taken from recently published journals.

"Social software programs: student preferences of librarian use", by Annie Epperson, Jennifer J. Leffler

*New Library World*, Volume 110 No. 7/8, pp. 366 - 372

The purpose of this paper is to present findings of an electronic survey to determine the extent of use of social software programs.

"Implementing change and reorganization in the acquisitions departments at the University of Alabama and the University of Florida", by Robin Champieux, Millie Jackson, Steven Carrico (2008)

*The Bottom Line*, Volume 21 No. 4, pp. 113 - 121

The purpose of this paper is to describe the motivations, creation, and implementation of workflow and organizational redesigns within two academic library acquisitions departments: the University of Alabama (UA) and the University of Florida (UF).

*This article won an Emerald Literati Network Outstanding Paper Award.*

On the brink: Librarianship in an age of possibilities

A column by Rachel Singer Gordon

Virtually Uncertain

Attending conferences can be expensive and time-consuming which, particularly in the current economic climate, acts as a barrier to full participation. Rachel Singer Gordon considers the recent push for virtual participation in place of physical conference attendance, and shares her mixed emotions on the subject.

Read Rachel Singer Gordon's column from Emerald for Librarians.

Information Management Viewpoint: E-books
There is no doubt that academics and librarians want to see more e-books. They are more fluid, and flexible, than their print counterparts. They can contain a wider variety of media, and they can be more easily updated and refined, an advantage in rapidly moving disciplines. In this viewpoint, Margaret Adolphus looks at the current state of e-book adoption and the challenges it presents for librarians and publishers.

Read the Information Management Viewpoint on Emerald for Librarians.

ALA 2009: Emerald Literati Network Award Winners receive their prize at the Emerald Reception

Professor R. David Lankes (left) accepts his New Library World Highly Commended Award from Bill Russell, Sales and Marketing Director at Emerald

Dr Larry White (left) accepts his Library Review Highly Commended Award from Bill Russell

Ms Debbi A Smith accepts her Collection Building Highly Commended Award from Bill Russell

Dr Millie Jackson accepts her Outstanding Paper Award, published in The Bottom Line, from Bill Russell (Read the winning article in the Research You Can Use section above)

ALA 2009: Rachel Singer Gordon tackles "Career Building in a Down Economy"
Acclaimed author, librarian and editor Rachel Singer Gordon gave an inspiring and pitch perfect talk on "Career Building in a Down Economy" during the Emerald reception.

Guests are enjoying the buffet at the Emerald Reception.

**ALA 2009: Jane Meyers receives Presidential International Citation**

Jane Meyers is decidedly a very Special Librarian. A few years ago she started the Lubuto Library Project, which [featured in Emerald for Librarians](http://info.emeraldinsight.com/newsletters/global2009_issue4/library.htm) 1 before the first library was actually built.

The Lubuto Library Project builds libraries that bring hope to vulnerable African street children whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

Through books and the care of volunteers at the Lubuto Libraries, these children have the chance to regain their confidence, learn new skills and build a future.

The Presidential International Citation that Jane Meyers received from ALA President Jim Rettig adds to the growing international recognition of the [Lubuto Library Project](http://info.emeraldinsight.com/newsletters/global2009_issue4/library.htm).

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1. After 14 September 2009, you will need to be either an Emerald Subscriber or an Emerald Member to access these articles. It is free and easy to become an Emerald Member and gain access to a host of useful features and articles. All you have to do is [register your profile online](http://info.emeraldinsight.com/newsletters/global2009_issue4/library.htm).